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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of collecting a copyright fee relating to a document when a user obtains, via coded data disposed on a surface, the document, the method including, in a computer system, the steps of:

recording at least one copyright ownership relating to at least one portion of the document;

receiving, from a sensing device placed in an operative position relative to the surface;

indicating data indicative of a request for the document, the sensing device, when placed in an operative position relative to the surface, generating the indicating data using by sensing at least some of the coded data; and,

identity data indicative of an identity of the user, the sensing device containing the identity data;

identifying, from the indicating data, the request for the document;

identifying, from the identity data, a user account;

providing the document to the user using the request for the document;

determining the copyright fee from the at least one copyright ownership; and

debiting at the user account associated with the user in the amount of the copyright fee.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the further step of crediting at least one owner account associated with the at least one copyright ownership in the amount of the copyright fee.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the further step of printing the document.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

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6. (Currently amended) A system for collecting a copyright fee relating to a document when a user obtains, via coded data disposed on a surface, the document, the system including:

a database for recording at least one copyright ownership relating to at least one portion of the document;

a receiver for receiving, from a sensing device placed in an operative position relative to the surface;

_____ indicating data indicative of a request for the document, the sensing device, ~~when placed in an operative position relative to the surface,~~ generating the indicating data using at least some of the coded data; and

_____ identity data indicative of an identity of the user, the sensing device containing the identity data; and

a processing means;

~~the processing means being configured to:~~

identify, from the indicating data, the request for the document;

identify, using the identity data, a user account;

provide the document to the user using the request for the document;

determine the copyright fee from the at least one copyright ownership; and

debit ~~at~~ the user account associated with the user in the amount of the copyright fee.

7. (Previously amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the processing means is further configured to credit at least one owner account associated with the at least one copyright ownership in the amount of the copyright fee.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, further including a printer for printing the document.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)